

REMARKS

Claims 1-34 remain pending in the application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Section 103(a) Rejections:

The Examiner rejected claims 1-7, 10, 11, 14, 15, 18-24, 27-32 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Doyle (U.S. Patent 6,009,455) in view of IEEE Conference Proceeding “When Peer-to-Peer comes Face-to-Face: Collaborative Peer-to-Peer Computing in Mobile Ad Hoc Networks”, by Kortuem et al., published in First International Conference on Peer-to-Peer Computing proceedings, August 2001, Pages 75-91 (hereinafter “IEEE”). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for at least the reasons below.

Applicants maintain their traversal of this rejection for all the same reasons as stated in Applicants’ previous response. However, in order to provide further clarity and in a good faith effort to expedite prosecution, Applicants have amended the independent claims to further recite that the node(s) already configured to participate in the grid as compute node are configured with current executable software to perform one or more compute jobs, whereas the node(s) not already configured to participate in the grid as compute node are not configured with the current executable software to perform one or more compute jobs, and that after (self-)configuring as a compute node the node is configured with the current executable software to perform one or more compute jobs in the grid. These distinctions are clearly not suggested by the cited art. The parameters referred to by the Examiner in the Advisory Action are not executable software to perform one or more compute jobs.

Applicants also assert that numerous ones of the dependent claims recite further distinctions over the cited art. However, since the rejections have been shown to be

unsupported for the independent claims, a further discussion of the dependent claims is not necessary at this time.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit the application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5681-69600/RCK.

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